

## **Shrewsbury Commission on Disabilities Minutes of February 14, 2006**

### **Members in Attendance**

Keith Willette - Chair  
Moir Miller - Vice Chair  
Barbara Smith - Secretary  
Dan Morgado - Town Manager

### **Excused Members**

Loretta Henry - Senior Center Liason  
Jerry Berrier - Web Site Liason

The meeting was called to order by Keith Willette at 7:00 pm in Meeting Room A at Town Hall. Mr. Willette approved Commission meeting minutes from 11/8/05 and was seconded by Moira Miller.

### **Town Liason Report**

Dan Morgado suggested inviting Mary Aicardi from St. Mary's Church Outreach Program and Ellen Meyers, newly hired Shrewsbury SPED Director, to attend a Disability Commission meeting to address the 2006 Commission goal of developing a closer relationship with local organization in terms of outreach and education,. Also, Mr. Morgado stated that he had met with the Ecumenical Council to tap into that specific network, in particular to address Homeland Security issues (ex: inoculating citizens in a state or national emergency within 3 days), particularly for our disabled community.

Barbara Smith had suggested developing a First Responder Program using the town's residents who are Health Care providers. Mr. Morgado stated that Nancy Allen, Director of Public Health for Shrewsbury will be heading up such a program.

Mr. Morgado stated that the automated doors at Town Hall should be completed by election day. There have been security issues at the Town Hall building and replacing all seven external doors will help to alleviate this situation. The Commission will only be paying for the automated doors. He also stated he has not received any complaints and there haven't been any issues reported to his office.

Keith Willette inquired about replacing the entrance doors at Paton due to non-compliance in door clearance. Mr. Morgado stated that particular issue will be addressed once all other renovations are completed.

### **Member Discussion**

Keith Willette stated he will purchase the TV/VCR for the Disability Awareness video.

He stated that SPAC will be supplying a few copies of DVD's and videotapes for distribution. Mr. Willette also stated that he had approval from local banks for installation of TV's for viewing. He is also waiting to hear from UMass Hospital regarding viewing the videotape at their facility, but has been difficult due to change in personnel regarding the handling of this particular issue. Mr. Willette also stated that he has signed up for on-line newsletters regarding disability issues and plans on forwarding this information to the Town Crier website. He also stated that he has sent the Post Office Accessibility letter to the Postmaster and will follow-up with a phone call.

**Phone Log**

None

**Bills**

None

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 7:00 pm in Meeting Room A at Town Hall.

Keith Willette motioned to adjourn at 7:40 pm and Moira Miller seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Barbara Smith